

# Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee Executive Subcommittee

February 19, 2015  
2:30pm – 4:30pm  
EOPSS, Transportation Building

## Notes

### **Proposed Agenda:**

1. FFY15 Three Year Plan
  - a. Priority Area Goals and Objectives
  - b. Formula Grant Program Areas
2. FFY12 Formula Grant - \$32,800 – ISA or State Vendor Project
3. Juvenile Competency – Convene event? Submit testimony?
4. Juvenile Justice Omnibus Bill
5. Updates:
  - a. Effective Police Interactions with Youth Training
  - b. MassCourts
  - c. DMC Assessment Study
  - d. Diversion Study
  - e. DYS Leadership Series
  - f. Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Leadership Forum

**Attendance:** Bob Gittens, Chair; Cecely Reardon, Vice Chair; Wes Cotter, The Key Program; Mark Booher; Kim Larson, UMass Medical Center; Glenn Daly, EOHHS; Peter Forbes, DYS; Adam Foss, Suffolk County DA's Office.

**EOPSS Staff:** Andrew Polk, Juvenile Justice Specialist; Erin Heaney, Program Coordinator.

There was discussion of the **FFY15 Three Year Plan priority areas** decided upon at the JJAC Annual Retreat and potential changes to them. After confirming that trauma-informed practices should remain as a priority, the members considered whether expungement of juvenile records should be added as a priority. It was decided that the JJAC will work on the expungement issue but will not make it a priority.

Members suggested that some of the objectives under the diversion priority area be reframed in order to make it more likely for district attorney's to get on board with the JJAC's ideas on juvenile diversion practices.

No **juvenile competency bill** has been filed in the current legislative session. Competency was not included in the omnibus juvenile justice bill. Members decided to keep competency as a priority but will not convene a forum as initially planned until a bill has been filed.

Some minor changes in wording were suggested for objectives that fall under the DMC and Separation priorities.

A **motion** was passed to adopt the priorities and objectives with the discussed revisions.

Chair Gittens write a formal letter to the EOPSS Secretary for a formal introduction. Chair Gittens will schedule a meeting with the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff.

The group discussed which Formula Grant program areas to include in the new Three Year Plan. After thorough discussion, a **motion** was passed to maintain the same program areas as the current year.

The group discussed possible projects to fund with the remaining **FFY12 Formula Grant funds**. The Juvenile Justice Specialist will email the JJAC for additional input regarding possible projects. Chair Gittens in coordination with EOPSS will make the final decision on how the funds should be awarded.

The group discussed the **omnibus juvenile justice bill**. Vice Chair Reardon reviewed and explained the topics covered by the bill. The JJAC should consider whether to provide testimony on the bill. Because the bill includes several subject matters it will be difficult to pass as a whole. Discussion of the bill will be added to the April 2015 JJAC meeting agenda.

The Juvenile Justice Specialist provided **updates** on: the Effective Police Interactions with Youth Training that will likely take place in the Spring and/or Summer; problems with MassCourts, the DMC Assessment Study and concerns regarding compliance with the DMC core requirement of the JJDPA; the efforts occurring around the Diversion Study and its pending release; the DYS Leadership Series and the Child Welfare and Juvenile Justice Leadership Forum.